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**Report Highlights:**

The European Commission implemented Council Directive 94/28/EC concerning zootechnics. A list of third country herdbooks in compliance with the criteria of EU zootechnics legislation is finally completed and published. The Commission requires that Member States only authorize importation of those genetic materials that are entered or registered in the listed third country herdbook authorities.

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### Third Country Listing

Directive 94/28/EC states that breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species, their semen, ova and embryos can only be imported as purebred – or hybrid in the case of porcine species - and registered in a herdbook if third countries fulfill the requirements of article 3. More specifically third countries need to:

1. provide a list of herdbook organizations
2. prove that the herdbook associations are supervised by an official inspection service of the third country;
3. demonstrate "reciprocity". This means basically that the third country herdbook associations accept to undertake to enter or register in their herdbooks the animals, semen, ova and embryos and the animals resulting therefrom, originating from recognized European herdbooks.

Basically, this means that in order to be imported as 'purebred' or 'hybrid' the animals need to be registered in a herdbook kept by an authority in the third country. Semen, ova and embryos can only be imported if they come from an animal that is entered or registered in such a herdbook or register. The original Directive did not include a list of herdbooks. It only provided for the compilation of such lists in the implementation phase.

### Commission Decision 2006/139/EC

The US has communicated such a list of authorities to the Commission. On Feb 7, 2006 [Commission Decision 2006/139/EC](#) was adopted listing the authorities in third countries. This decision includes the complete list of US authorities that was submitted to the European Commission. These authorities are approved for the keeping of a herdbook or register of certain animals.

The approved US herdbooks are listed in the Annex of the Commission Decision and they contain contact information of 62 herdbook authorities divided over 4 species as follows:

- 34 bovine herdbooks
- 5 caprine herdbooks
- 16 ovine herdbooks
- 7 porcine herdbooks

### Overview of EU Zootechnics Legislation

A complete overview of the EU Zootechnics legislation is available from:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/animal/zootechnics/legislation\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/animal/zootechnics/legislation_en.htm)

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